



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Louisianans of all ages may need assistive technology devices and services to live independently and productively, as well as participate fully in the affairs of their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology devices allow people to work, attend school, play and live independently and productively, as well as participate in the affairs of their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** an assistive technology device is an item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology services are defined as any service that directly assists an individual in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device; and
- WHEREAS,** assistive technology devices and services are not luxury items, but a necessity for people with disabilities and older citizens. These tools empower people to control their lives and their futures; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana strives to be a leader in the development and implementation of assistive technology programs for Louisiana's older citizens and individuals with disabilities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2006, as

### ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 3rd day of May  
A. D., 2006*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana